



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Marketing and  
Regulatory  
Programs

Agricultural  
Marketing  
Service

Washington, DC  
20250

**Please Note:**

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

**This invitation is for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside only, see FAR 52.219-27 Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside.**

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 31, 2005

Fresh Apples, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 010

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, September 14, 2005**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Thursday, September 22, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from October 17, 2005, through November 16, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for 9,240 cases of fresh apples in 37/40 lb. cartons to a shipping container.

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton, The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.**

**Note:** Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.



**Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.** Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

**Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311  
 INVITATION : 010  
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE  
 CODES: RD-RED DELICIOUS  
 B -BRAEBURN  
 G -GALA  
 GD-GOLDEN DELICI  
 S -STAYMAN  
 M -MCINTOSH  
 J -JONATHAN

COMM TYPE : 10 APPLES, FRESH  
 PACK SIZE : 10 37/40 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE 1 2 3
------------	---------------------	----	----------------	-------------------	--------------------	---------------------

DELIVERY PERIOD 10/17/05 - 10/19/05

001	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	**RD B G
002	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	397	_____	RD GD S
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	527	_____	
003	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	RD

DELIVERY PERIOD 10/24/05 - 10/26/05

004	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924	_____	RD
005	VINELAND	NJ		924	_____	RD
006	DANVILLE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	207	_____	RD GD S
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	717	_____	

DELIVERY PERIOD 11/14/05 - 11/16/05

007	SPRINGFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	M
008	SPRINGFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____	M
	WILMINGTON	MA		462	_____	
009	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	J
010	WILMINGTON	MA		924	_____	J

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 9,240

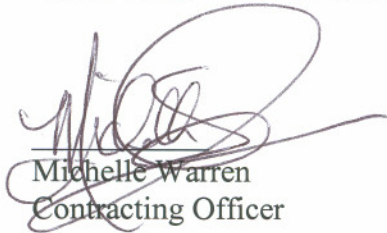
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 9,240



ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311  
INVITATION : 010  
COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE  
CODES: RD-RED DELICIOUS  
B -BRAEBURN  
G -GALA  
GD-GOLDEN DELICI  
S -STAYMAN  
M -MCINTOSH  
J -JONATHAN

COMM TYPE : 10 APPLES, FRESH  
PACK SIZE : 10 37/40 LB CARTON



Michelle Warren  
Contracting Officer

**The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).**

**To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.**